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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON RECOGNITION OF STUDIES,
DIPLOMAS ETC.

1. THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ON
THE REGIONAL CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES,
DIPLOMA AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN TOOK PLACE IN PANAMA FROM MAY 24 TO 27,
1977. CONFERENCE PROPOSED TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF
ASSISTING SIGNATORIES TO THE CONVENTION TO FACILITATE
ACADEMIC MIGRATION WITHIN THE REGION. CONFERENCE RESULT,
IN PARTICIPANTS' JUDGMENT, FELL SHORT OF HOPES, BUT DID
APPROVE SOME USEFUL MEASURES.

2. SEVEN LA AND CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES TOOK PART: COLOMBIA,
CUBA, CHILE, EL SALVADOR, MEXICO, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA.
HOLY SEE, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND U.S. HAD OBSERVERS.
MEXICO'S WAS THE MOST ACTIVE AND WELL-INFORMED DELEGATION,
AS EXPECTED. CHILEAN AND CUBAN DELEGATES UNDERSTOOD THE
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SUBJECT AND EXPRESSED THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY. PANAMA,
CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, PRODUCED A MIXED BAG. CHAIRWOMAN
DEL VASTRO (MINISTRY OF EDUCATION) CONDUCTED THE MEETINGS
ABLY, THOUGH NOT EXPEDITIOUSLY. HER COUNTRYMEN SEEMED TO
HAVE TROUBLE TAKING A UNIFIED STAND.

3. CONFERENCE SPENT MANY HOURS DECIDING WHAT TO DO AND

DISCUSSING EACH COUNTRY'S PECULIAR LEGAL, ACADEMIC OR
POLITICAL IMPEDIMENTS TO MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DEGREE
VALIDITY. AT CLOSURE THE CONVENTION'S REGIONAL COMMITTEE
WAS DIRECTED TO COMPILE COMPARATIVE REGIONAL INFORMATION
ON THESE PROBLEMS.

4. LAY CHARACTER OF EDUCATION AND DEGREE VALIDATION IN
THE REGION WAS REAFFIRMED. HOY SEE, TO THE APOSTOLIC
NUNCIO'S DISPLEASURE, DID NOT OBTAIN ACCREDITATION FOR
PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES. IT WILL SURELY
NOT DROP THIS ISSUE, HOWEVER. CONFERENCE POSTPONED
NETHERLANDS REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LA GROUP, LARGELY
BECAUSE IT WAS UNSURE OF WHAT NETHERLANDS ANTILLES STATUS
IS, WILL OR OUGHT TO BE.

5. (CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED IO/UNESCO.)
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